GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Endowments Department – Constitution of State Level Tender Committee to finalize the rates of commodities being used in high quantities for the purpose of paditharam, preparation of prasadams and for annaprasadam in the temples - Orders –Issued.

REVENUE (ENDOWMENTS.II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No.591 **Dt: 18.12.2023**
Read:

From the Commissioner of Endowments, AP, Vijayawada
Lr.No.D1/COE-14021(51)143/2023,dated.15-11-2023.

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ORDER:

It has been brought to the notice of the Government that the quality and rates of various provisions being purchased in the temples are varying from temple to temple and felt it necessary to constitute a State Level Tender Committee to finalize the rates of commodities used in high quantities in the temples, subject to testing the samples in a lab approved by National Accreditation Board for Testing and Calibration Laboratories (N.A.B.L) before finalization of tenders.

2. The Commissioner, Endowments Department in the reference read above has submitted that at present, all the Executive Officers of J.C, D.C cadre temples and other temples where the approximate value of the provisions exceeds Rs.1.00 Crore per annum, are procuring various commodities for the purpose of paditharam, preparation of prasadams and for annaprasadam as per their requirement by way of tender system for every (6) months. In all other temples (published under 6(a)of Act 30 of 1987), Executive Officers concerned are calling tenders for (6) months or for (1) year basing on the volume of the provisions being purchased by them. It has been observed that the quality and the rate is varying from temple to temple, which is the main cause of concern, as most of the temple are spending more than the market price on the provisions due to individual tender system where the supplies make a cartel and hike the prices.

3. In order to maintain quality and to avert price variations and to save the money of the temples, the commissioner of Endowments, AP has proposed to call for centralized tenders for the following commodities used in higher quantities for the purpose of paditharam, preparation of prasadams and for annaprasadam in the temples to achieve transparency:

i. Rice
ii. Sugar / Jaggery
iii. Pachi Sanagapappu
iv. Kandipappu
v. Ghee
vi. Cashew nut

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vii.Refined Sunflower Oil
viii.Elache, Kismiss, tamarind and others

4. Government hereby order to constitute a State Level Tender Committee to finalize the rates of commodities used in high quantities in the temples, subject to testing the samples in a private lab approved by N.A.B.L before finalization of tenders, with the following officials:

Sl. No.	Designation of the Officer	Designation
1.	The Commissioner of Endowments Department, Govt of A.P.	Chairman
2.	The Managing Director, A.P State Civil Supplies Corpn. Ltd. (or) his representative.	Member
3.	The Managing Director, Markfed (or) his representative.	Member
4.	The Regional Food Controller, Medical & Health Department (or) his Representative.	Member
5.	Joint Commissioner (Estates), Endowments Department	Member Convener

5. The Committee is entrusted with the job of floating centralized tenders (along with reverse tendering arrangement) for every (6) months and for finalization of rates and suppliers to all A.C, D.C & J.C cadre temples / institutions & mutts and all other institutions whose assessable income is Rs.1.00 Crore and above, to procure the provisions from the suppliers at the lowest rates as finalized by the Committee.

6. The Commissioner, Endowments Department, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada shall take necessary action in the matter.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

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The Commissioner, Endowments Department, A.P., Gollapudi,
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